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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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OF THE

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.

MAY 29, 1839:

WITH THE

REPORT

OF

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At a meeting of the American Antiquarian Society, held in Boston May 29, 1839, on motion of Professor Simon Greenleaf,

"*Voted*, That the Report of the Council, with the Report of the Librarian, and a list of the Officers and Members of the Society, be published for the use of the Society, under the direction of the Council."

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL,

MAY 29, 1839.

The Council of the American Antiquarian Society, in compliance with the provisions of the by-laws, on the fifty-third semi-annual meeting, respectfully submit their report of the condition of the funds, library, and concerns of the institution, at the close of the month of May, 1839.

The state of the treasury will be most conveniently explained by comparison of the investments and revenues, with the necessary and contingent expenditures.

By the order of the Society, at the May meeting of 1834, the sum of twelve thousand dollars was invested in one fund, and the interest was appropriated, in conformity with the appointment of the donor, Doct. Isaiah Thomas, for the payment of the salary of a librarian, for the purchase of books and antiquities, and for meeting the incidental charges of the institution.

Another fund of five thousand dollars was established, and the accruing income appropriated for defraying the expenses of exploring the ancient monuments of the continent, preserving descriptions of the remains of the aboriginal population, and aiding in the increase of the library and cabinet.

The general fund, now amounting to about three thousand dollars, remained, and was charged with current and extraordinary expenses.

The revenues are derived from the interest on these funds, amounting together to $23,125; from the income of a principal of eight hundred dollars received from the donor in notes

secured by mortgages of lands in Dixmont in Maine; and from the rents of an estate in Middlebury, Vermont, yielding about fifty dollars annually.

The available productive property of the society, exclusive of the buildings of Antiquarian Hall, of the land in Worcester, and of the library and cabinet, which have a value beyond any estimation in money, is now $24,725 04.

The condition of each of the funds is exhibited in the full and detailed report of the treasurer, Samuel Jennison, Esq., and will be seen by the following abstract of his accounts:

1. Balance of the Library Fund, ...	$12,945 13
2. Balance of the Fund of Antiquities and Researches,	7,219 58
3. Balance of the General Fund, ...	2,960 33
4. Amount of Mortgages in Dixmont, Maine, . . .	800 00
5. Value of Middlebury estate, estimated at only . .	800 00
	$24,725 04

The yearly income is about fourteen hundred and eighty-two dollars.

Some expenditures necessary for the maintenance and support of the Society, are certain in amount and regular in their recurrence.

Among them are the salaries of the only two officers receiving any pecuniary compensation, which have been graduated on a scale of rigid economy. The Treasurer has had the responsibility of the management and investment of a capital of more than twenty-four thousand dollars, and the care of the receipt and disbursement of the interest, coming in and paid out in small sums. So prudent and faithful has been his administration of this department, that nothing has been lost, and the principal remains safely invested in permanent securities. During the last year the Treasurer has charged for his services, *thirty dollars*; a sum which would not be an adequate compensation to another for the mere labor of making the proper entries on the books of the transactions of business. The salary of the Librarian has been fixed at *six hundred* dollars annually. That officer devotes almost the whole of his

time to the discharge of his regular duties, and has been constantly engaged in promoting the objects and interests of the Society with a degree of assiduity, energy, and zeal, which cannot fail to produce the most useful results. It must be considered fortunate for the institution to have enlisted in its service, so much experience and capacity ; and it is gratifying that those who have been entrusted with the active management of its affairs, have sought the largest portion of the remuneration for faithful and valuable labors in the gratification of antiquarian taste and the reward of doing good.

The preservation of the buildings of the Society requires annual appropriations. The renewal of those parts of the structures impaired by decay, and the improvements of the interior of the halls for the convenient arrangement and use of the increasing library, will demand an annual expenditure not less than one hundred dollars.

With the ordinary success of collection and the usual liberality of donation, the sum of one hundred dollars will be required for binding into volumes, the tracts, newspapers, and manuscripts, and renovating decayed books, during the year.

The average charge of printing, if confined to advertising notices of meetings and communicating information to the members on subjects connected with the interests of the Society, will be small: united with the payments for stationery, postage, transportation, fuel and light, the aggregate may be estimated at about seventy-five dollars the year.

The necessary expenses will be about nine hundred and five dollars annually, as will appear by the following recapitulation:

1. Salaries of the Treasurer and Librarian, ...	630 00
2. Repairs and improvements, ...	100 00
3. Binding tracts, newspapers, and books, ...	100 00
4. Printing, transportation, fuel, &c., ...	75 00
	$905 00

When these sums shall have been deducted from the annual income, there will remain about five hundred and seventy-seven dollars unexpended.

In the former reports of the Council it has been fully explained that some encroachments were made on the original amount of the funds, under the direction and by the order of the Society. Two wings were added to Antiquarian Hall to furnish accommodations for the swelling collections, in 1833, at the cost of $1,037 02: the publication of the second volume of Transactions, in 1837, containing the excellent memoir on the languages of the Indian tribes by the Hon. Albert Gallatin, and Gookin's history of the Christian Indians, was made at the expense of about $1,100: the edition of the catalogue of the library in a large octavo volume, required the payment of about eight hundred dollars. These disbursements, for objects of permanent utility, changed some portion of the moneys from the investments which yielded pecuniary revenue into a form in which they will afford an income of reputation, and aid the objects of the Society by extending the knowledge of its works.

The sums which have been received by the treasurer in money, amounted to $23,661 84: the funds remaining in his possession, exclusive of the estate in Vermont and the mortgages in Maine, are $23,125 04: the difference of these sums, being the excess of expenditure over income, is $536 80.

The Council, desirous of restoring the integrity of the original funds, and considering the deficiency which had been produced by the expenditures for useful purposes, as a debt due from the Society to posterity, for whom they are trustees, endeavored to make a system of economy operate as a sinking fund for the redemption of the arrears. Between the May and October meetings of 1838, the balance was reduced by the reimbursement of $211 15:—during the past six months $55 96 have been repaid: previous to the annual meeting in October next, two hundred dollars more may be extinguished by the appropriation of the surplus revenue.

Some considerable extraordinary work will be needed on the roofs of the Halls, for draining the grounds around, and to secure the foundations of the buildings, which may absorb two hundred dollars of the disposable income.

A debt of two hundred and twenty dollars for binding two hundred and twenty volumes of newspapers, which has been recently incurred, must be drawn from the treasury immediately. A large portion of this sum will ultimately be restored by the collection of some arrears of interest not included in the accounts from which these computations have been derived: but this payment will, for the present, entirely exhaust the resources of the year.

From these statements it will be obvious, that it must be proper to forego the purchase of books, and to rely for the increase of the library on the liberality of members and the generosity of the public. The necessity of retrenchment, should prevent, for a season, the attempt to make any considerable publications. The interval of the suspended motion of the press, may be well employed in seeking authentic memorials of the relics of the aboriginal nations of the west, or the evidence of facts which have been supposed to prove the early discoveries of the Northmen in the east.

Whenever the improved condition of the treasury will permit new acquisitions by purchase, it will be desirable to devote the first moneys which may be saved from necessary appropriations, to extend one department of the library now deplorably scanty. At the earliest time when it shall be possible, there should be placed on the shelves, Lord Kingsborough's edition of the work of Augustine Aglio; the folios of Frederic de Waldeck, on the antiquities of Mexico, the ruins of Palenque, and the archaeology of Central America; and those other rare or recent works which illustrate the history of the southern continent.

Improvements have been made during the spring season on the grounds of the Society. The belt of trees flourishing on the front of the Hall has been extended along the sides and rear, and at no distant period, the library will be embowered amid the shade of evergreens, forming walls of perennial verdure to separate the still retreat of the antiquarian from the busy stir of the modern world.

Free access to the collections has been permitted to visitors.

During one hour of each day the halls have been open to every citizen, whether attracted by curiosity or in pursuit of information: during all hours they have been accessible to every student of history or of literature who sought the use of the library. The task of attendance thus imposed on the librarian has been onerous. It has been believed that such liberality would secure, as it would merit, the favor of the public for an institution which shared its benefits freely with the whole community.

An excellent memoir on the library has been presented to the Council by the Librarian, Samuel F. Haven, Esq., and is communicated to the Society with this report. It explains the accessions made during the past semi-annual period, the plans proposed for future collections, and the system of arrangement he has matured.

The extent of the library may be measured with some accuracy by examining the catalogue of 552 printed pages, enumerating more than twelve thousand volumes; the value would only be realized by diligent inspection of the alcoves and study in the halls.

Among the oldest books in the collection, are, a treatise on natural history, unfortunately divested of the first and last sheets which might verify the date of production; but supposed, from internal evidence, to have been printed as early as 1470, within fifteen years after the invention of metal types, and only forty years after the discovery of the art of printing; full of grotesque cuts of the animals, plants, and minerals described in the text, strangely rude efforts of the first designers for the letter press of Germany: a copy, in perfect preservation, of the beautiful Venitian Bible of 1476: the "Summa Theologia," of Raynerius, magnificently illuminated, at Venice, in 1486; and editions of the holy scriptures in many languages, esteemed to be rarities of typography.

The library has been enlarged by a gradual but regular increase, year by year. It cannot be hoped that it will ever be able to bear favorable comparison in the amount of literature or science, with the depositaries of the works of the learned,

founded in the cities, or at the universities, or sustained by the patronage of the federal and state governments. In some departments, however, the Society may be considered already rich.

The remains of the libraries of the Mathers, were many years since given to the Society: many "lesser composures" of the fathers of New England were preserved by these men of much learning, which otherwise might have perished. The late president, Dr. Isaiah Thomas, enjoyed rare advantages for gathering the works of American authors, and presented all his collections. A large bequest of German periodicals and books was made by the will of the Rev. Dr. William Bentley. One hundred and twenty-eight volumes, illustrative of the topography, local history, and antiquities of England and Wales, and of genealogy and heraldry, were recently bestowed by the President, the Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop.

About fifteen thousand separate tracts have been bound in 1,035 volumes of pamphlets. They embrace series of sermons, orations, anniversary discourses, reports of societies, festival addresses, occasional publications on religious and political controversies, and all those sheets thrown off from the press, so soon perishing unless carefully gathered, but which are of singular interest in illustrating the spirit of past times.

The collection of newspapers may be described as *good*, without fear of exaggeration: there are 1,251 volumes, many of them embracing two or three annual files within the same covers. Commencing in 1704 with the News Letter, the first of the newspapers printed in North America, the series of these publications down to the revolution of 1774, is probably more full and perfect than any other in the United States: since the adoption of the constitution it is extensive and of tolerable completeness. The limitations of the uses of the funds, have prevented subscriptions for the periodicals of our own times, and it has been necessary to depend, for the most part, on the generosity of individuals for the increase of the stores of materials for the history of the present. By the great industry and perseverance of the Librarian, valuable additions

have been made to this department, which are indicated by his report.

The efforts of the same officer, directed to perfect the collection of the legislative and judicial records of the several states of the union, it is gratifying to learn, have been crowned with success. It is understood, although not certainly known by any official information, that the series of public documents of Maine, have been made ready for transmission. The requests of the Society for the aid afforded by communicating public papers, have never been denied: but they have frequently been delayed and postponed. Should the object ever be accomplished, the student and statesman may be enabled to find, gathered in one place, the materials for the history of legislation and jurisprudence, and comparing the laws of the sister republics with each other, may obtain useful hints for social improvement.

The Society have many manuscripts; among them, some which are rare and curious. It is believed that these treasures may be much increased. There is scarcely a family of the descendants of the early planters coming from the fountains of population in the old world to spread cultivation and improvement over the western continent, who have not files and boxes of papers, letters, or memorials of the early wars, illustrative of history and biography. The improved diligence of modern writers has formed a just appreciation of the peculiar value of these fragments, which other societies have carefully gathered. It is believed that if the members could be interested to explore the treasures of the garrets, to procure copies of old records, and to extract original writings from the places of their repose, that a collection might be soon formed having extraordinary interest.

The Cabinet occupies one large room, and has been arranged with great neatness. Beside an extensive collection of foreign and native minerals, and of shells, many of them of singular beauty and high scientific value, but not peculiarly appropriate to the objects of the institution, there are old specimens of the arts of Peru and Mexico; a vast number of

implements, utensils, weapons, and ornaments of the northern Indians, and some most interesting memorials of the planters of New England, and of the patriots of the revolution. The coins exceed two thousand in number; some hundreds bear the impress of the emperors of Rome: there are many stamped with the pine tree of the province and the Indian of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and most of those which have been issued in the several American States are preserved. Almost every variety of the continental currency has its representative in the piles of paper money.

Among the portraits, are those of John Winthrop, John Endicott, Francis Higginson, John Leverett, John Rogers, the Mathers from the ancestor Richard of Dorchester, Thos. Prince, Gov Burnett, and others of the early worthies of New England; of Doct. Isaiah Thomas and Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, the presidents, and of C. C. Baldwin, the late librarian, among the benefactors of the Society. The engravings and maps are numerous, and some of them are curious specimens of the arts of design.

The communications proposed by Mr. Haven in the annexed report, will be useful in directing the attention of those to whom they are addressed, to the wants of the Society, and the means of supply. They will serve to apprise each member that he is entitled to exercise the privilege of depositing his own works, and any rare book, or curious article held by himself or his friends.

The statements which have been made, will be considered as justifying the Council in congratulating the Society on the continued prosperity of the institution; on the permanency and extent of its foundation, and on the prospect of increasing usefulness.

For the Committee of the Council,

WILLIAM LINCOLN.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian respectfully submits to the Council of the American Antiquarian Society his first semi-annual report of the year 1839.

It appears from the entries in the Book of Donations, that, since the meeting of the Society, in October, four hundred and five *pamphlets*, and fifty-nine *volumes of books*, have been added to its collections.

This enumeration is exclusive of such public documents as are regularly received from Congress or from State Governments.

A number of files of valuable *newspapers* have been presented, and a very considerable quantity in a broken and miscellaneous condition.

A small package of *Roman Coins*, received from Commodore Jesse D. Elliott, through the hand of Governor Lincoln—a few *engravings*—a large and handsome *chart of George's shoal*—several smaller *plans*—a bundle of *MSS. sermons*, preached in Salem a century since—and some small articles for the Cabinet, complete the list of additions.

Among the volumes are several Scandinavian works, and old northern chronicles of Icelandic and Danish history, presented by Rev. William Barry of Framingham.

The Librarian was authorised to purchase, of the same gentleman, an Icelandic Dictionary, offered at the price paid by him in Copenhagen.

For the moderate sum of five dollars, a comprehensive Lexicon, Icelandic and Latin, containing 871 pages quarto, un-

bound, an Icelandic Grammar, and a copy of Snorre Stuleson's history, in Danish, have been, accordingly, transferred to the Society.

These volumes were collected, some years since, by Mr. Barry, in Copenhagen, while engaged in investigations relating to the discovery of America by the Northmen, before the time of Columbus. Other engagements unfortunately prevented the completion of his inquiries; but he has a mass of manuscript notes and memoranda, which he has been prevailed upon to say, shall, when leisure permits, be put into a connected shape, and communicated to the Society.

The unarranged Newspapers, that have been gradually accumulated in a detached and imperfect state, have been carefully looked over and sifted. By means of the materials already in possession, with the aid of parcels obtained in various quarters, two hundred and twenty volumes have been made so nearly perfect as to justify their being bound. These have, therefore, been put into a neat and substantial binding, and form a valuable increase to that department of the Library. Particular pains have been taken to continue the series of those papers that had been previously preserved. The Boston Courier is completed to the close of 1838. The Boston Gazette, of which there were already twenty-eight volumes, extending from 1719 to 1811, has been continued in a regular series, to 1828. The Connecticut Courant, which before ended at 1791, has been taken up again at 1799 and brought down to 1835, with the exception of the years 1806, 1811-12* and 1832. Spooner's Vermont Journal has been continued in regular series from 1803 to 1819. There have been added twenty years of the National Intelligencer—eighteen years of the National Gazette—fourteen of the United States Gazette —fourteen of the New York Herald, and thirteen, each, of the Boston Recorder, the Christian Watchman, and the Christian Register. Other papers, of value as the organs of a party, or a sect, have been obtained in files of from three to ten years.

* The volumes for 1811 and 1812 have been since obtained.

The additional shelves, prepared last season for newspapers, are not quite sufficient for this increase.

The duty of arranging the Library according to a scientific method, required of the Librarian by the by-laws, has been the subject of much consideration. Efforts have been made to ascertain what systems have been adopted in other libraries, and to learn the views of persons having the advantage of experience. The result is a conviction, that, only a very general arrangement of books upon the shelves with reference to subjects, is practicable or expedient, and that the classification in the Librarian's Catalogue should be simple and comprehensive. It is often less difficult to find a book under a general head, than to trace it through minute subdivisions, where a difference of opinion may exist as to the propriety of its position. An exemplification of the arrangement proposed by the Librarian for his book of entries, accompanies this report. It will be perceived, that, being based upon the great objects of the Society, viz. to ascertain the past, preserve the present, and keep pace with the *progressive* history of America, the titles of the classes have relation to that design; the minuter sub-division being that of dates or periods of time. Foreign works, and others not affecting our history, must of course be placed under heads appropriate to themselves.*

In connexion with this arrangement it may be proper to allude to the means now in operation for supplying the materials for the several departments there enumerated.

In regard to *Antiquities*, properly so called, no definite

* This classification consists of three comprehensive divisions, viz. 1st, *Antiquities*, embracing all matters antecedent to actual history; 2d, *General History;* 3d, *Local History;*—and thirteen sub-divisions of the two last named heads, viz. *History of Legislation—Judical History—History of Parties*, or *Politics—Religious History*, or *Rise and Progress of Sects—History of Moral and Benevolent Associations, Institutions, and Enterprises—History of Education—History of Arts and Sciences—History of Trade and Manufactures—Military History—Diplomatic History— Tabular History* or *Statistics—Geographical History*—and *Literary History*, or *Literature*. All documents and facts relating to these, being placed in the order of the periods to which they refer.

measures are at this time employed, in the way of research or discovery. With the present resources of the Society, it is necessary, perhaps, rather to wait for opportunities than to form plans requiring the provision of means for their execution.

To supply the departments of *Legislative* and *Judicial history*, the circular alluded to in the Librarian's last report as having been prepared for the purpose, has been forwarded to the several governments of the United States, in the hope that the examples of some of the States may be adopted by all, and that copies of *all* documents, published by legislative authority or requisition, may be lodged in the Library of this Institution. No official information of the result has yet been received.

The progressive history of *parties, religious sects, moral and benevolent associations and enterprises, education, arts and sciences, &c.*, may, to a considerable extent, be found in the newspapers, reports, occasional addresses, and magazines, that are collected and preserved for this purpose. Fortunately, almost every association, or party, has now its periodical organ, for explaining and enforcing its plans and principles. The most important of these, at least in our own vicinity, will probably find their way into the Antiquarian Library without great expense to the Society.

The disposition among associations, authors, and editors, to deposite their publications in the Library, is apparently increasing. The American Colonization Society, the American Education Society, the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, the Editor of the Boston Courier, and the Editor of the Christian Watchman, continue to transmit their publications as they are issued. In other cases voluntary propositions have been made to preserve papers with a view of depositing them at the end of the year. The Wisconsin Enquirer, a new paper, the first in that young territory, and the organ of its government, is constantly sent by some unknown friend.

The value of these store-houses of facts and incidents, is diminished by the quantity of extraneous matter by which these facts are surrounded and buried. If it were practicable

to obtain the leading periodicals of our country, religious, political, literary and scientific, as they are issued, it would be easy for the Librarian to preserve an *index rerum* of important matters found in them, having a bearing upon our history, by means of references placed under those heads to which the subjects relate. A valuable collection of references to minor historical materials might thus be gradually accumulated.

In compliance with the wish, expressed by the Royal Geographical Society of London, to be admitted to an interchange of Transactions, the Librarian, as directed by the Council, made up a package of books, consisting of the Transactions and Catalogue of this Society, Thomas' History of Printing, Lincoln's History of Worcester, and the Worcester Magazine, and committed it to the kindness of George Bancroft, Esq., Collector of the Port of Boston, for a chance of safe and direct transmission to that learned Association.

In concluding this report, the Librarian begs leave to suggest the expediency of furnishing each member of the Antiquarian Society with a sheet containing the heads into which its collections are divided, with the request, that as books or documents appropriate to its objects, come to their knowledge, the titles, price, and the place where they are to be found, may be entered under the head to which the works respectively belong. If such memoranda were annually returned to the Librarian from different sections of the country, information, difficult to be procured by other means, and very important to the design of the Society, would be obtained. This measure would impose on members no troublesome or laborious duty, while its tendency would be to keep alive a remembrance of their connexion with this Institution, and an interest in its progress.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. HAVEN, *Librarian.*

CATALOGUE

OF THE

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

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FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, NOV. 1812.

Elected.	PRESIDENTS.	*Retired.*
1812	Isaiah Thomas, Worcester.	1831
1831	Thomas Lindall Winthrop, Boston.	
	VICE PRESIDENTS.	
1812	William Dandridge Peck, Cambridge.	1816
1812	William Paine, Worcester.	1816
1816	Aaron Bancroft, "	1831
1816	Timothy Bigelow, Medford.	1821
1821	De Witt Clinton, New York.	1828
1828	Thomas Lindall Winthrop, Boston.	1831
1831	John Davis, Worcester.	
1831	Joseph Story, Cambridge.	
	COUNCILLORS.	
1812	Timothy Bigelow, Medford.	1816
1812	Aaron Bancroft, Worcester.	1816
1812	Edward Bangs, "	1818
1812	George Gibbs, Boston.	1814
1812	William Bentley, Salem.	1820
1812	Redford Webster, Boston.	1816
1812	Benjamin Russell, "	
1814	Samuel J. Prescott, "	1819
1815	William Stedman, Newburyport.	1816
1815	Oliver Fiske, Worcester.	1825
1815	Nathaniel Paine, Worcester.	1820

1815	George Thacher, Biddeford.	1819
1815	Kilborn Whitman, Pembroke.	1820
1816	Edward H. Robbins, Milton.	1830
1816	Francis Blake, Worcester.	1817
1816	James Winthrop, Cambridge.	1821
1816	Levi Lincoln, Sen., Worcester.	1817
1817	Levi Lincoln, "	
1817	Abijah Bigelow. "	1828
1819	Mark Langdon Hill, Georgetown, Me.	1821
1820	William Jenks, Boston.	
1820	Charles Lowell, "	
1820	Samuel Jennison, Worcester.	1823
1820	Edward D. Bangs, "	1824
1820	Joshua Thomas, Plymouth.	1821
1821	Thomas L. Winthrop, Boston.	1828
1823	Samuel M. Burnside, Worcester.	
1824	John Davis, Worcester.	1831
1825	Isaac Goodwin, "	1832
1828	James C. Merrill, Boston.	
1830	Frederic W. Paine, Worcester.	
1831	James Bowdoin, Boston.	1833
1831	John Green, Worcester.	
1832	Edward D. Bangs, Worcester.	1838
1832	John Park, Worcester.	
1833	Joseph Willard, Boston.	
1838	Emory Washburn, Worcester.	

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1812	Thaddeus M. Harris, Boston.	1831
1812	William Jenks, Boston.	1816
1814	Samuel M. Burnside, Worcester.	1823
1816	Abiel Holmes, Cambridge.	1828
1823	Samuel Jennison, Worcester.	1826
1825	William Lincoln, "	1831

SECRETARIES FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

1831	Thaddeus M. Harris, Boston.	1833
1832	Edward Everett, Boston.	

SECRETARY FOR DOMESTIC CORRESPONDENCE.

1831	William Lincoln, Worcester.	

RECORDING SECRETARIES.

1812	Samuel M. Burnside, Worcester	1814
1814	Oliver Fiske, Worcester.	1815
1815	Rejoice Newton, "	

TREASURERS.

1812	Levi Lincoln, Worcester.	1813
1813	Isaiah Thomas, Jun., Worcester	1819
1819	Nathaniel Maccarty, "	1829
1829	Samuel Jennison, "	

COMMITTEES OF PUBLICATION.

1815	Aaron Bancroft, Worcester.	1831
1815	William Bentley, Salem.	1819
1819	William Jenks, Boston.	1833
1819	Samuel M. Burnside, Worcester.	1829
1819	Edward D. Bangs, "	1827
1820	Samuel Jennison, "	1831
1827	William Lincoln, "	1834
1831	Joseph Willard, Boston.	1833
1832	John Park, Worcester.	1833
1832	Alfred D. Foster, Worcester.	
1834	George Folsom, New York.	1837
1835	John Park, Worcester.	
1837	William Lincoln, Worcester.	

LIBRARIANS.

1814	Samuel Jennison, Worcester.	1825
1825	William Lincoln, "	1827
1827	Christopher C. Baldwin, Worcester.	1830
1830	Samuel M. Burnside, "	1831
1831	Christopher C. Baldwin, "	1835
1835	Maturin L. Fisher, "	1838
1838	Samuel F. Haven, "	

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*Loammi Baldwin, Esq.	*Charlestown.*
*Rev. Aaron Bancroft, D. D.	*Worcester.*
George Bancroft, Esq.	*Boston.*
*John Chandler Bancroft,	*Worcester.*
*Hon. Edward Bangs,	"

*Edward D. Bangs, Esq.	*Worcester.*
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*Prof. Benjamin Smith Barton, M. D.,	*Philadelphia.*
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ANNUAL REPORT,

OCTOBER 23, 1839.

At the annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society, held on the twenty-third day of October, 1839, at Antiquarian Hall in Worcester, the Reports of the Council, Treasurer, and Librarian, were submitted.

State of the Treasury.

The funds and property in the Treasurer's hands amounted to $24,919 15 on the 17th of October, 1839, invested as follows:—

1. Balance of the Library Fund, ...	$13,196 21
2. Balance of the Fund of Antiquities and Researches,	7,395 29
3. Balance of the General Fund, ...	2,727 65
4. Estate in Middlebury, and Dixmont Mortgages, . .	1,600 00
	$24,919 15

The excess of the expenditures over the income of the Society occasioned by the appropriation of some part of the original funds for buildings and publications, was in May last $536 30: it has been reduced to $342 69, and will soon be extinguished by the process of repayment now in operation.

State of the Library.

The Library has been kept in good order. During the year since the last annual meeting there have been added 948 tracts, 103 volumes, and more than 200 folios of newspapers have been neatly bound. Some portraits have been added to the collection of paintings, and coins and curiosities deposited in the cabinet.

ABSTRACT OF THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The additions to the Society's Library, since the statement rendered in May last, consist of five hundred and forty-three pamphlets, and forty-four volumes of books. A brazen sacramental vessel, of unknown antiquity, and an ancient silver coin have been placed in the Cabinet; and a portrait of the late Judge Chandler, of Worcester, has been added to the collection of paintings.

The pamphlets are of course somewhat miscellaneous; most of them, however, have an intrinsic value, and it is a part of our system to consider nothing of the kind unimportant. Almost every household has some place of deposit, in which these matters accumulate, and among them the antiquarian, taught by experience, feels justified in the expectation of meeting interesting and valuable relics. Samuel M. Burnside, Esq. has transferred one of such collections to the rooms of the Society.

Among the books may be particularised an elegant copy of Delafield's Inquiry into the Origin of the Antiquities of America, from Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop, President of the Society—two copies of an historical work upon the Currency of Massachusetts, by Rev. J. B. Felt, one from the same source, the other presented by the author—Prescott's History of the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, deposited by that gentleman himself—a parchment bound folio, containing the entire works of Hippocrates, from F. R. Hassler, Esq. and eleven volumes of ancient works, scientific, philosophical, and theological, as remote in date as venerable in appearance, presented by Samuel Wells, Esq. of Northampton.

A set of Bouchette's elegant and expensive Topographical Maps of the Province of Lower Canada, has been bestowed by Hon. Daniel Waldo of Worcester.

Doctor Usher Parsons of Providence has deposited a number of his own works upon medical subjects, and a little volume upon the battle of Lake Erie, by Hon. Tristam Burgess.

Several communications have been received from foreign countries. George Finlay, Esq. a member of this Society,

resident in Greece, has transmitted a publication of his own on the Topography of Oropia and Diacria; and Governor Galindo has sent from Central America, a written Memoir on the ruins of Montagna. From the Secretary of the Royal Academy of Sciences of Lisbon have been received two large volumes of the Memoirs of that Institution, together with a literary Discourse of which he is himself the author.

The collection of unbound pamphlets has been looked over, and those ascertained not to be duplicates assorted for binding. As some convenient sets of Reports, Catalogues, Occasional Addresses, Sermons, &c. may be made up from the duplicates, the expediency of binding these together is suggested.

A few additional files of Newspapers have been arranged. The large number lately put into binding now await the provision of a suitable place for their accommodation.

The work of making an intelligible and systematic reference upon the Catalogue to the location of books and pamphlets on their shelves, is in a state of progress.

All which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. HAVEN, *Librarian.*

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